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TAGS: OVIP, RP (MARCOS, MRS. IMELDA)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MRS. IMELDA MARCOS

FOR HABIB FROM SULLIVAN

REF: (A) STATE 182601

(B) MANILA 10457

1. THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT REACTION TO REF (B). I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT OUR ESTIMATE OF DATES MRS. MARCOS MAY BE IN US IS ONLY SPECULATIVE. THEREFORE, WHILE EXPLORING "OTHER POSSIBILITIES," PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT SHE MAY YET BE THERE WHEN MRS. FORD WILL BE IN WASHINGTON.

2. I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR PROBLEM CONCERNING CASUAL PRACTICE RE ADVANCE WARNING. IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, ISSUE IS COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT HER ONWARD ITINERARY FROM BOLIVIA IS FLUID. IN BOLIVIA, SHE WILL SEEK INVITATIONS FROM BOTH PERU AND VENEZUELA TO GO TO THEIR CAPTIALS TO SIGN COSMETIC "OIL CONTRACTS." MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, SHE WILL SEEK TO GO TO HAVANA.

3. AS I UNDERSTAND THE HAVANA GAMBIT, SHE WILL STOP IN MEXICO ENROUTE TO BOLIVIA AND SEEK AN INVITATION FROM CUBAN EMBASSY THERE. IF GRANTED, SHE WILL THEN  
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RETURN FROM BOLIVIA VIA CUBA TO "RESTORE HISTORIC

PHILIPPINE-CUBAN TIES" AND TO ARRANGE FOR AMBASSADOR GUERRERO, PHIL AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO, TO HAVE DUAL ACCREDITATION TO CUBA. SHE WILL ALSO GO THROUGH MOTIONS OF REACHING "UNDERSTANDINGS" WITH CUBA ON NON-COMPETITIVE MARKETING OF RP AND CUBAN SUGAR.

4. GOP SOURCES TELL US THE CUBA TRIP IS "ALMOST CERTAIN," BUT THIS SEEMS A LITTLE VAGUE. AT ANY RATE, ALL THESE SIDE-TRIP PLANS WILL OBVIOUSLY AFFECT TIMING OF HER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK. INCIDENTALLY, SHE MAY LEAVE SON BONG BONG OFF IN NEW YORK "TO PURSUE HIS STUDIES" DURING HIS SUMMER VACATION FROM OXFORD.

5. I FULLY CONCUR IN YOUR SUGGESTION THAT A MESSAGE BE GOTTEN TO HER OR HER COTERIE ABOUT ADVANCE WARNING FOR SECURITY PURPOSES. UNFORTUNATELY, SHE IS ALREADY ON THE WING AND, BY THE TIME YOU RECEIVE THIS MESSAGE, SHOULD BE IN MEXICO. I WOULD SUGGEST THE BEST METHOD OF GETTING THE WORD TO HER (AND ALSO GETTING MORE EXPLICIT INFORMATION TO YOU) WOULD BE TO HAVE OUR EMBASSY IN LA PAZ MAKE THE APPROACH. IT COULD, IF NECESSARY, BE DONE BY OUR EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER TO HER MILITARY AIDE.

6. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED. AND, REMEMBER, YOU'RE DOING ALL THIS FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.  
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